FISCAL NOTE

HB 1026 - SB 1693

April 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Elevates the penalty for statutory rape from a Class E felony to a Class B felony if the offender was an authority figure to the victim at the time of the offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$660,800/Incarceration*

Estimate assumes elevation of sentence from a Class E felony to a Class B felony for 19 offenders convicted of statutory rape by an authority figure.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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